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FINAL EXAMINATION

TRIMESTER 1, 2015/2016

UPI3612 PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW 1

(All Sections/ Groups)

08 OCTOBER 2015

Reading Time: 9.00 am - 9.15am
(15 Minutes)
Answering Time: 9.15 am – 12.15 pm
(3 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. Students will have **fifteen minutes** during which they may read the paper and make rough notes ONLY in their question paper. Students then have the remaining **THREE HOURS** in which to answer the questions.

2. This Question paper consists of 2 pages with 5 Questions only.

3. Attempt question 1 in Part A which is **compulsory** and any **THREE** out of **FOUR** questions in Part B. The distribution of the marks for each question is given.

4. Students are not allowed to bring in any statutes into the Examination Hall.

5. Please write all your answers in the Answer Booklet provided.

Part A: COMPULSORY

QUESTION 1

a) General Juan Pablo, the former head of state of **CHINO**, travelled to the United States for treatment of his prostate cancer which is at its initial stage. During his rule as the head of state, his government was alleged to have killed and tortured many civilians who opposed him.
An amnesty group representing the victims of his rule wants him arrested and tried for the atrocities committed against them.
Discuss the various implication in arresting a former head of state for alleged crime against humanity and defenses that the General may plead.

(25 marks)

b) Harvey James who was one of the victim of torture during his regime, is currently a US citizen. When he heard of General Juan Pablo's presence in the United State, he wants to file a claim in tort against him seeking compensatory damages.
In advising Harvey James, explain the principle of universal jurisdiction and state immunity against a former head of state.

(15 marks)

(Total: 40 Marks)

PART B (Answer any three questions)

QUESTION 2

In 1986, Malaysia and Thailand entered into a treaty to develop a nuclear power plant. When Malaysia started the project in Sungai Petani in the state of Kedah in 1999, the people there, strongly protested against the project due to the environmental impact brought about by environmental consciousness in recent years. On account of this Malaysia decided to abandon the project and informed Thailand of its intention.
With regard to the treaty signed by both the parties and the intended breach by Malaysia what is the legal position of Malaysia and discuss the remedies if any that Thailand may want to pursue.

(Total: 20 Marks)

QUESTION 3

There are five ways of acquiring territorial sovereignty by a state. Describe them.

(Total: 20 Marks)

QUESTION 4

A state faces legal consequences rising from the breach of an international obligation towards a foreign national. However a state may justify its breach of an international obligation by citing several possible defences.

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Briefly explain these defences as subscribed by the International law Commission.
(Total: 20 Marks)

QUESTION 5

Give a brief description of the following terms in relation to International Law:-

a) Doctrine of incorporation

(4 marks)

b) Doctrine of transformation.

(4 marks)

c) The textual approach to treaties

(4 marks)

d) The teleological approach to treaties

(4 marks)

e) Customary law

(4 marks)

(Total 20 Marks)

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